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24. — *Miscellaneous Sermons, Essays, and Addresses.* By the REV. CORTLANDT VAN RENSSELAER, D. D., Late Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education. Edited by his Son, C. VAN RENSSELAER. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1861. 8vo. pp. 569.

DR. VAN RENSSELAER was the son of Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, still fondly remembered under the title of the "Good Patroon." He studied law; but subsequently, under a profound sense of duty, prepared himself for the Christian ministry. After a short pastorate in Burlington, New Jersey, and a brief employment in other spheres of labor, he was elected to the Secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board of Education, in which office he labored with self-forgetting assiduity, till the rapid inroads of pulmonary disease compelled him to resign it two months before his death. He died in July, 1860. His personal character was one of great excellence and loveliness, with the amenities of the finished gentleman refined and exalted by the graces of the fervent and devoted Christian. The Miscellanies contained in this volume comprise controversial pamphlets, historical discourses, and occasional sermons. They display little imaginative wealth or rhetorical skill; but are noticeable chiefly for their directness, simplicity, and frankness, for the strenuous purpose in which they were conceived, and for the catholic, generous, courteous, and kindly spirit which they manifest toward those who differed from the author in belief, policy, or practice. The most remarkable paper in the volume is a Sermon on the Death of Bishop Doane, in which the author enters without ceremony into the charges made against the Bishop in his lifetime, speaks in plain terms of his faults, sets off against them his excellences, merits, and services, and pleads with his hearers for their kind judgment and honorable remembrance of one who, not without human frailties, possessed indefeasible claims on the grateful regard of the community in whose bosom he had lived and died.

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25. — *Select Sermons of the REV. WORTHINGTON SMITH, D. D., late President of the University of Vermont. With a Memoir of his Life,* by JOSEPH TORREY, D. D., Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy. Andover: Warren F. Draper. 1861. 12mo. pp. 368.

PRESIDENT SMITH was one of those men more frequently found, we believe, among the children of our New England yeomanry than anywhere else, in whom one hardly perceives the absence of genius, in the massiveness of substantial ability and working power. We can trace